

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

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CODE: IBC SECTION NO. Appendix A SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. IP- 4
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: CHAIR: PHONE: E-mail:
DATES: OF PROPOSAL: 4/18/05 BCAC PRESENTATION: 4/20/05 BCAC APPROVAL:

CHECK ONE *Revise section to read as follows:* *Delete section and substitute the following:*
 Add new section to read as follows: *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT
~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under *Format*, click font and check strikethrough)
UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED
Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

(See following pages)

This amendment is being proposed by the Executive Committee. Please contact Marc Fetterman, 202/625-2525 (fetterman-dc@att.net) with questions, comments, etc.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)
 Increase *Decrease* *Negligible* *Unknown*

If "Increase" box was checked, indicate estimated range of added cost:
Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to
Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Policy 2. Readoption of administrative provisions.

Add new Appendix A to read as follows:

APPENDIX A -NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

A. The Act of the Board of Aldermen and the Board of common Council, approved November 29, 1869, has been recognized as in force in so far as it relates to the system of numbering buildings, and it is adopted as a regulation, so far as the same is now applicable.

Be it enacted by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Common Council of the City of Washington, that all dwelling houses, stores, and places of business of any kind fronting on any street or avenue of this city, shall be numbered in the manner as provided in this Act.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that upon all streets designated by letters the buildings shall be numbered as follows: Commencing at North and South Capitol Streets the buildings on the first square east and west respectively, shall be numbered from 1 to a number not exceeding 100; the second square from 100 to a number not exceeding 200; and to each and every subsequent square in addition not exceeding 100: Provided, that in all squares broken by fractional streets the numbers shall correspond with the fractional increase or decrease of the dimensions of said squares; that all streets designated by numerals shall be numbered in the same manner, commencing at East Capitol Street and a continuation of the line of said street west to the Potomac. And the buildings on all avenues running to and from the Capitol shall be numbered in like manner. And on all other avenues the numbering shall commence at the terminus nearest one of the cardinal streets commences, the numbering on the first square of each avenue to correspond with the number or letters of the streets bordering said square and with the numbering of the buildings upon the streets bordering on said square.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That each street or avenue shall be numbered by itself, and on each side of the same alternatively, commencing on the right-hand side, thus placing the odd numbers on the right side and at the even numbers on the left, allowing a number for every 20 feet front in all cases of open spaces of unimproved public or private ground or Government reservations, and for every fractional remainder of ten feet or more after the division of each space of said distance: Provided, That on all squares that have been divided and laid out into building lots the front feet for each number shall correspond with the width of said lots, respectively, and in all cases of churches, schoolhouses, permanent or temporary, a number for every 20 feet of frontage shall be assigned.

Section 4. And be it further enacted, that the numbered of houses shall be in figures sufficiently large to be less than 3 inches long, and in proportionate width, and be placed upon or immediately over the front door within sixty (60) days after notification of the number of the premises shall have been given to the owner or occupant of the same; and in case the owner or occupant of the premises shall refuse or neglect to affix the number required within sixty (60) days after the said notification has been served, the Mayor may cause said house or building to be numbered, and the expenses thereof shall be chargeable against the property and collected as other taxes are collected.

B. When the street, upon which it is proposed to number the building, is a direct or nearly straight prolongation or extension of the streets of the city, the inspector of the

buildings shall apply, as far as practical, the system of numbers provided for in the foregoing Act. And on streets or proposed streets not parallel to the cardinal streets regulating the house numbers, the method shall be as for numbering houses on avenues in the city. When a street or avenue makes an angle of less than forty-five (45) with East Capitol Street, or extension thereof, the buildings shall be numbered as on streets running east and west. When a street or avenue makes an angle of less than forty-five (45) with North Capitol Street, or extension thereof, the buildings shall be numbered as on streets running north and south. The buildings on curved streets and streets which change their direction to such as degree as to require the number on a part of such street to go from north to south and on another part from east to west shall not be numbered by the general system, but shall be numbered independently beginning at the measures point on such street to the Capitol and running to the end of the road or street, keeping the odd numbers on one side of the street and the even numbers on the other side of the street.

C. The inspector of buildings shall designate and direct the numbering of all buildings and other changes to be made in numbering any building already numbered when needful; and on any person refusing to number or renumber or place proper number on a building as directed by the inspector, within sixty (60) days, shall be liable for the penalty provided for in these regulations.

NOTE: A title as referred to in the above act is obsolete. The old and new designations for purpose of readily identifying this title are as follows:

Old Designation **New designation**

Inspector of Buildings Code Official, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs